

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ASMARA 00412 311520Z

50

ACTION SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /031 W

----- 103324

O 311245Z MAY 74

FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2705

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 00412

EXDIS

E. O. 11652 : GDS

TAGS : PIN , CASC, ET

SUBJ : TENNECO SEVEN

1. ON 30 MAY AT 8:30 P.M., KARL DORTZBACH AND JIM MINOR OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION, VISITED MY HOME ADVISING ME THAT LETTERS WERE BEING DELIVERED TO THEM AND ME AND FROM THE ELF. AT THAT TIME THEY KNEW THE LETTERS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO ASMARA BUT NOT TO THE ADDRESSEES. A LATER PHONE CALL FROM ANOTHER SOURCE INDICATED THE LETTERS WOULD BE DELIVERED MORNING 31 MAY. WITH ASSISTANCE OF WILSON, TENNECO, LETTERS WERE FINALLY DELIVERED TO DORTZBACH ABOUT 10:00 A.M.

2. TEXT OF LETTERS FOLLOWS :

(1) MAY 28 - 1:00 P.M. TO AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION AND THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. I AM IN A UNKNOWN PLACE HELD BY THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. I AM WELL PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY AND CONTINUALLY PRAISE GOD. THE ELF HAVE STATED THEY WANT A SUPPLY OF MEDICATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR ME AND THAT THEY WILL RELEASE ME WHEN THEY HAVE THE SUPPLIES. YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE ELF WITHIN 48 HOURS. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AS HE IS WITH ME. PS. 91. DEBBIE DORTZBACH.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ASMARA 00412 311520Z

(2) DATE 29.5.74. ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT -
ERITREAN LIBERATION ARMY. TO EVANGELICAL MISSION (AMERICAN)
TO U.S. CONSUL GENERAL, ASMARA. MRS. DEBBIE AMERICAN
EVANGELICAL MISSION GHINDA HOSPITAL NURSE IS BY NOW IN THE
HANDS OF THE ELF. FOR HER RELEASE YOU SHOULD HAVE TO
CONTACT US QUICKLY AND DISCUSS WITH US ABOUT THE CASE. AND
WE WILL EXPLAIN FOR YOU WHY THE REASON WE HAVE DONE ALL THE
ACTION IN THE HOSPITAL THAT HAPPENS DATE 27.5.74. BEFORE THAT
WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IF WE HEAR IN THE NEWS GIVEN US THE
TITLE OF REBELS IT IS VERY RISKY IN HER LIFE. WE WANT THE
BROADCAST TO GAVE US OUR REAL NAME "ERITREAN LIBERATION
FRONT." DON'T ACCEPT ANY LETTER IF IT DIDN'T HAVE A SEAL LIKE
THIS (N.B. ARROW POINTING TO SEAL). EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
(SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE).

(3) MAY 28. DEAREST KARL. THE LORD IS OUR
STRENGTH AND OUR SALVATION... I AM PRAYING GOD WILL BE
GLORIFIED - I AM PRAYING FOR YOU. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF
MY CONSTANT AND GROWING LOVE. PLEASE ENCOURAGE QUICK
RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS. TO HIS PRAISE AND IN HIS LOVE,
DEB.

(4) (FROM) MIHIRETA YESUS HOSPITAL. THE AMERICAN
EVANGELICAL MISSION. GHINDA, ERITREA, ETHIOPIA. MAY 31,
1974. 10:30 A.M. (TO) ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE. I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER STATING DEMANDS FOR THE
RETURN OF MRS. DEBBIE. NO DEMANDS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNTIL
MRS. DEBBIE IS RELEASED. YOUR LETTER HAS COME TO ME ONLY
AT 10:00 THIS MORNING, BECAUSE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN SLOW IN
GIVING THEM TO ME. BEST CONTACT IS VIA SHUMES IN GHINDA
OR AFABET. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE HAVE OR WILL REFER TO YOU IS
BY ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. /S/ MR. KARL DORTZBACH.
AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH.
PERRY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, DRUGS, KIDNAPPING, CONSULATES, HOSTAGES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ASMARA00412
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740138-0003
From: ASMARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974055/aaaaadrq.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 AUG 2002 by WorrelSW>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: : TENNECO SEVEN
TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET, US, ELF, TENNECO SEVEN, AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION, (DORTZBACH, KARL), (MINOR, JIM), (DORTZBACH, DEBORAH)
To: STATE ADDIS ABABA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005